

I am the good Shepherd.
John 10:11.

The Shepherd

I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP. John 10:7.

The good Shepherd giveth
his life for the sheep.
John 10:11.

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Living in Harmony

Read Romans 12: 1-21

"Be at peace with all men."

Occasionally on the radio we have the opportunity of listening to a symphony concert. It is beautiful music. If you have ever been present at such a performance you have seen how many instruments are necessary, and perhaps you have wondered how each was able to do just what he should at the proper time. There is beautiful harmony when each artist is under control of the director.

The world is like a symphony, or perhaps I should say, the Christian Church is like a symphony. Sometimes there is beautiful harmony, not perfect, but beautiful in comparison to some of the noisy discords of our life. An expert director is essential for rendering a fine performance in music, even so an expert director is essential for producing beautiful harmony in life. Musical circles carefully choose their directors. Do we in life? We have a Director for life who outshines them all. It is Jesus Christ, the God-man, your Saviour and mine. He has been given and recommended by the highest authority in heaven.

Individual artists under a director in music must be completely submissive to the directions of their leader. Complete submission is possible only when their love for the director and the work they are doing is real. It is so in life also. We must know the Director and love Him, and love to be following His directions. Beautiful harmony is then possible in life.

But we know that all is not beautiful harmony, either in life as a whole, or in our lives as individuals. We are aware of discords and we ought to be. The Director is aware of them too, even more aware of them than we are, and much more eager to correct them. Once you have accepted Him as your director, you will be careful to follow His directions because you love Him. His directions seem burdensome and impossible to follow unless you do love Him. It is therefore very important to consider your attitude toward Him before you try to follow His directions. You may be sure that His attitude toward you is one of pure, self-sacrificing love, as He has shown at the cross.

Some of His directions for the symphony of life are recorded in the Bible verses under consideration. "Live in harmony with one another." Living harmoniously with people is an art in itself that some people have beautifully accomplished, and of which others of us have yet much to learn. We need to be loving and forgiving, yet upholding righteousness and justice. "Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly." For Jesus no task was too humble, no person beyond the reach of His love.

Our generation is going through a healing process of wounds and breaks caused by the war. Humanitarian leaders tell us of the suffering and needs, not only of the countries that were over-run by war, but of the peoples who a few short years ago were our enemies. Our reaction to these appeals are directly proportionate to the love and obedience we have for Christ and His directions. Our share in this work is done through Lutheran World Action. "Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all . . . if your enemy hunger, feed him; if he is thirsty give him drink." This advice may seem paradoxical to human reason and natural inclinations, but if you have taken your place in the symphony of life under the directorship

CANADA DISTRICT AND THE BUDGET

The Budget of Canada District is \$14,000.00 for 1947 and 1948. This is an increase of \$4,500.00 over the former budget of \$9,500.00. The average contribution of Canada District over a three-year period—1943, 1944 and 1945—was \$13,630.07, and in 1945 the contribution was \$14,768.34. The fiscal year for 1946 ends January 31, 1947.

The average apportionment for each member through the entire church is \$2.27. The average contribution per confirmed member throughout the entire church was \$3.04. The average contribution per confirmed member for Canada District was \$1.57.

There are 8,907 confirmed members in our district. This number of members (confirmed) contributing \$1.57 each would bring in from Canada District \$13,983.99. However, if each confirmed member in the district gave the same as the average per confirmed member in the entire church, Canada District would send in \$27,077.28.

There is cause for thankfulness that Canada District has gone over the top for the allocated budget the last few years. In 1945 the contribution was 155%. Yet we must not rest content with reaching that amount as the allocated budget in 1945 was only \$9,500.00. Then, too, in view of the larger average giving of the entire church it is evident that we can well increase our giving for the activities of our beloved church.

For 1946 the reports, of course, are not yet complete. However, the last report dated December 3, 1946, indicates that at that time 73 congregations and preaching places had not yet reached their allocation, and 38 had sent in nothing. The fiscal year ends January 31, 1947. Let us all send in an over-the-top contribution for the year that is ending, and start the ingathering early for 1947.

CHRIST WANTS THE BEST

Christ wants the best.
He in the far-off ages
Once claimed the firstlings of the flock,
The finest of the wheat;
And still He asks His own with gentlest pleading
To lay their highest hopes
And brightest talents at His feet.
He'll not forget the smallest service,
Humblest love,
He only asks that from our store
We give to Him the best we have.

—Author Unknown.

of Jesus Christ, you have His spirit and gladly follow His directions.

A beautiful piece of music has a central theme and purpose in the arrangement of the notes to make us feel for example, joy, or sadness; so also does God have a theme in the symphony of life. His theme is love. Believer in Christ, that is the love that reached your heart, causing you to confess your sin and receive forgiveness. The love of God as revealed in the Gospel, giving Christ to be the Saviour of all peoples, is God's great theme. Under His direction and guidance as believers in Christ we have a part in developing this theme for the purpose of winning souls for the eternal Kingdom of God, The Director is always right, "Love never faileth." Your life, dear Christian, must harmonize with God's purpose and theme of salvation for the world.

—G. E. M.



Pastor and Mrs. H. Arnholt Strand

Bardo Lutheran Church was the scene of a pretty wedding before Christmas of last year. Irene Marion Rude was united in marriage to Pastor H. Arnholt Strand. The double ring ceremony was performed by Pastor G. J. Ostrem, local pastor, and the wedding sermon "Garments of Beauty," based on Colossians 3:14-16 was delivered by Pastor A. M. Vinge.

The maid of honor was Muriel Finseth, and bridesmaids were Alice Broughton, Wyonne Rude and Iris Bjornson. The groomsman was Pastor Osborne Olsen, and ushers were Arthur Hallin, Le Roy Finseth and Charles Rude. Joan Finseth was flower girl and Dale Bjornson was the ring bearer.

The reception was attended by 180 guests.

Miss Irene Rude was the L.D.R. District President for many years, and Pastor Strand is serving the Vallahalla Centre parish and is also well known through his regular contributions to The Shepherd.

We wish them God's richest blessings.

MESSAGE FOR "THE SHEPHERD"

In San Francisco, California, en route to China.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in the Lord: Here is a word of the Lord I want to leave with you as I sail once more for China: "For the love of Christ constraineth us . . . and he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto Him who for their sakes died and rose again." (II Cor. 5:14, 15).

Here, in one brief passage, we find the message, motive and mission of the Christian missionary. "Christ died for all" and "rose again"—that is our message. "The love of Christ constraineth"—that is the motivating power. "No longer live unto themselves, but unto Him"—that is our mission.

But it isn't our message, motive or mission alone, we who labor on the mission fields of the world; it's yours—you who live and labor in the homeland, you who give, pray, work, and witness that others may go.

May the great Gospel of our Sovereign Lord, told forth and lived out by lives afire with the constraining love of Christ—(yours at home, and ours in China), bring men and women everywhere under its blessed sway—until He returns.

Warm greetings to all the friends in Canada.

Yours in Christ,
Missionary Palmer Anderson.

A SUGGESTIVE SIGN

A dyeing establishment has the following sign:

I Live to Dye, I Dye to Live,
The More I Dye, the More I Live;
The More I Live, the More I Dye.

Is there a spiritual truth in this?

Topics of Interest

WHO WILL BUY THEM?

The bargain counters on the world's market are heaping full today. Millions of human souls have been thrown there by the tragic circumstances attending two world wars. There are the refugees, there are the displaced peoples of Europe, there are those who have been blasted out of hope and security, there are the victims of neglected and broken homes, there are also the tribes and nations awakened by the tumult of war to seek the bright prospect of independence and nationhood, there are the underprivileged and the disillusioned, the exploited and the oppressed, there are the various classes of unfortunates and unwanted.

There will be a rush for the bargain counter. Shrewd buyers will see their opportunities, for seldom have men been willing to sell themselves so cheaply—an ounce of hope, a few drops of love, or a few grains of concern will close the deal. Whose arm will be the first to reach across the counter purchase price in hand? Will it be the scoffing atheist, the pagan philosopher, the false prophet, or will it be a buyer for Christ and His Kingdom of righteousness, peace and freedom?

Less than twenty years ago it was the Nazis who snatched the German people off the bargain counter. The wakening Japanese people were bought up by a militant and heathen nationalism. Other items on the counter were secured by other agents in Satan's service. They should all have been bought for Christ and for His Kingdom. Because they were not, the world has been paying plenty in blood, sweat and tears.

Bargains must be snatched before they are gone. "Redeeming the time for the days are evil" must be the slogan for every Christian today. The world that today is in a flux because of the fiery trial it has undergone will soon begin to crystallize into moulds that will resist reshaping. We must use Lutheran World Action, mission agencies, personal testimonies in order to buy up for Christ the precious souls now on the world's bargain counter. The Lutheran Church stands before a tremendous challenge today. God grant that we be not sleeping, but alert and active through the experienced love and grace of Christ to invest daringly for Him.

—A. K. H.

THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

The institute opened on January 7 for the winter term. There are 36 students in attendance. Of these 18 are boys and the same number of girls.

The same teachers are serving, Pastors Bernhardson, Stolee and Vinge. Miss Alice Broughton teaches Hymnology and directs the singing.

The annual Fellowship Week will be held February 10-16, 1947. The guest speakers and teachers are, Pastor L. Tengbom of Calgary, who will give a series of studies on "The Fruits of the Spirit" and also speak at some evening services, and Pastor T. W. Maakestad of Edmonton, who will present Bible studies on "Revivals" and speak at evening services. All day prayer will be held on Thursday.

Work on the dean's residence is going forward and it is expected that it will be ready for occupancy in not too distant a future.

Think of your own faults when you are awake, and of the faults of others when you are asleep.—Chinese Proverb.

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Some Facts Concerning Lutherans in Western Prairie Provinces Based on 1941 Census

In the three prairie provinces the following table summarizes the principal religious denominations:

	No.	% of Total	% Rural
Roman Catholic	638,336	26	73
United Church	618,160	25	59
Anglican	356,019	15	48
LUTHERAN	237,560	10	76
Presbyterian	166,839	7	48
Greek Orthodox	93,467	4	77
Mennonite	83,944	3	80
Baptist	64,995	2	52
Jewish	26,843	1	7

A variety of other groups each constituting less than 1% of the western population make up the remaining 7% of the religious denominations.

Thus, Lutherans rank fourth among the nine principal denominations out here in the west. There are 2,421,905 people in the prairie provinces. There are 48,213 Lutherans in Alberta. One out of every ten persons in Western Canada is a Lutheran—German, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Icelandic or Finnish. Lutherans are a predominantly rural group, 76 per cent of all western Lutherans being rural people. They are exceeded only by the Mennonites, and the Greek Catholics. Roman Catholics are 73% rural. United Church, Anglican, Presbyterian and Baptist groups are more equally divided between urban and rural life.

The following table gives the percentage of Lutherans in Western cities:

City	% Lutheran	Pop.
Calgary	5	88,904
Edmonton	5	93,817
Lethbridge	3	14,612
Medicine Hat	10	10,571
Moose Jaw	4	20,753
Prince Albert	5	12,508
Regina	6	58,245
Saskatoon	4	43,027
Winnipeg	6	221,960

In all of Canada there are 401,153 Lutherans out of the total population of 11,506,655. Thus, on the national scale 3.5% are Lutheran. This is the sixth largest group in Canada. We are exceeded by Roman Catholic, 42 per cent, United Church, 19 per cent, Anglican, 15 per cent, Presbyterian, 7 per cent, Baptist, 1 per cent.

Camrose Lutheran

Fitting into the interval between the services of the former pastor, A. M. Vinge, and the new pastor, G. C. Grundahl, Mr. George Moi, deacon of Camrose Lutheran, filled the pulpit on Sunday morning, January 12. He brought to the congregation an inspiring, challenging, and Christ-centred message. Mr. E. F. Marken brought the evening message that same Sunday.

Armena Parish

The Armena Parish consisting of Scandia, Hay Lakes and Bethlehem congregations decided at their annual meetings recently to add three hundred dollars per year to the pastor's salary. Pastor R. O. Olson serves the parish.

News From the Field

Prince Albert

Each of the members of the L.D.R. presented a gift of a hamper of eats and other items to each of the Lutheran patients at the San, and sent candy to the Bethany Home at Bawlf.

The Junior L.D.R. made cellophane bags and filled them with candy, nuts, cookies and gingerbread men for the children at the San. They also sang carols for the old folks at the nursing home and presented mottoes to the residents.

The Prince Albert congregation purchased a two-manual reed organ for the new church.

The Prince Albert Lutheran choir under the direction of Otto Jacobson presented a Christmas cantata, "The World's Redeemer," at Saron and Weldon congregations. An offering for an organ fund in memory of Pastor John P. Tandberg was lifted the Sunday before Christmas.

Carrot River Valley congregation surprised Pastor and Mrs. J. Selmer Stolee by giving them a special generous gift of \$364.00 to help pay for their new car. This gift was given on Christmas Day. A sizeable Christmas offering to the Pastor and family was also given the same day.

Saron congregation of the Birch Hills parish visited Pastor and Mrs. Jacob B. Stolee and family in the new parsonage. The visitors left them a generous gift of money.

Parkside Parish

The Parkside parish has redecorated the parsonage.

Concordia congregation plans to build a basement under the church this coming summer. The Ladies' Aid is paying for this improvement.

The Shell Lake congregation has on hand a considerable sum of money for building a new church. This will also be started this coming summer. Evangelist Fengstad serves Parkside, Concordia and Shell Lake congregations.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ingeborg Anna Eggen, born at Bordo, Norway, April 29, 1868. Died at Tofield, Alberta, December 31, 1946, at the age of 78 years, 8 months, and 2 days.

Ingeborg Anna Bangen married Halvor Pederson Eggen in 1888. They came to Canada in 1903, settling at Bardo, Alberta, where she had resided until the time of her death.

She was predeceased by her husband, Halvor Pederson Eggen in 1918. Also one infant son.

She leaves to mourn her loss, one son, Peder Eggen; and five daughters, Mrs. J. A. Johnson of LaGlace, Alta., Mrs. Hans Kvern of Preeceville, Sask., Mrs. Emil Rude of Tofield, Alta., Mrs. Iver Moen of Tofield, and Mrs. Selmer Johnson of Peace River, Alta.; one sister, Mrs. Ovidia Brekkan, Edmonton, Alta.; and three brothers, Simon, Olaf and Peter Bangen of Norway; also 21 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Silent her voice and vacant her chair, Sweet are the memories that linger there,

We miss her, and mourn her, in silence unseen

And live in the memories of joys that have been.

Blest be her memory.

Special Business Meeting

The Canora branch of the Colombia Evangelical Lutheran Mission of South America will hold a special business meeting on Wednesday, February 12 at 2 p.m. at the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute. This will be during the Fellowship Week, February 10-16.

Reverend or Pastor?

I prefer to call the man who ministers in our congregation by the title of "pastor". "Pastor" in its original meaning meant a shepherd who pastured and fed the sheep. When I call our minister, "pastor", I draw attention to the fact that he is called by God to be a spiritual overseer of a flock called by the Lord. I pay tribute to the office, not to the man. He is my brother in the Lord. We work together, but he has been consecrated to guide and lead the work. My pastor prefers that I call him pastor. The finest respect in an outward way that I can show to him is to call him "pastor". It is good to take his hand and say "Thank you for your faithful service, Pastor."

I believe that our church should get away from the use of "reverend" and especially "the reverend" or "the most or very reverend" as often used in our church papers and printed programs or publicity in the secular press. Reverend means worthy of reverence. Reverence is a strong sentiment mingled with profound respect and esteem. Webster gives the following synonyms for reverence: veneration, awe, adoration, worship. No true servant of God wants reverence, adoration, worship or awe for himself. These feelings should go to God alone. (II Chron. 29:11-12). Can you imagine Paul rejoicing in being called 'reverend' as the parting tears were flowing as he and the Ephesian elders knelt in the sand beside the sea shore in a parting prayer meeting?

In Acts 10:25, when Cornelius paid profound reverence to Peter, Peter said, "Stand up; I myself also am a man." In Rev. 22:8-9 we read "John fell down to worship (the Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature, or to the Creator). . . . The angel that showed me these things. And he said unto me, "See thou do it not, I am a fellow servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them that keep the words of this book; **Worship God.**"

The thought of reverence to man is entirely foreign to the teaching of Scripture.

It is a temptation for both laity and ministry to love titles and preeminence. Note how Jesus deals with those who have yielded to this temptation in Matt. 23:5-12; Luke 14:7-11; Luke 18:9-14; Luke 22:24-30; John 13:2-17. Jesus sternly de-

THE COMING YEAR

It is a door
By which we reach new fields
Of service for our God and fellow-man;

A door by which we can
Explore
Wide fields of usefulness
Our world to bless,
And reap the sheaves God's Word of
of witness yields.

It is a task
Set by the Master of our souls,
A little part of our life's work below;
And so we ask

The holy wisdom which alone
controls
Our labor, teaching what and
where to sow;
That the year at its end,
May show God's glory and man's
profit blend.

It is a book,
With many pages and as yet all
white,

On which to write
The history of thought, and deed
and word.

In this new group of days.
We pray Thee, Lord,
As Thou shalt look upon the
book,

When written o'er, it may be to Thy
praise.

—William Olney.

nounced the Pharisees and scribes whose energies were bent to draw forth the praise of men. Their love of praise and vanity was emphasized in their insistence on titles and in their special emphasis on dress. Jesus taught us that when we were asked to a "marriage feast", to seek the lowest place, for he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. When the proud disciples, who more than once had disputed who was the greatest among them, refused to assume the role of servant, Jesus himself, gird with a towel, washed the feet of His disciples. "For I have given you an example, that ye should do also as I have done unto you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, a servant is not greater than his Lord; neither one that is sent him."

Let us seek to help and encourage the brethren in the ministry by a correct emphasis on their position and tremendous responsibilities. Let us all seek to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength so that the human is lost in Christ. Let each remember his stewardship from the Lord above, and to whom he is accountable. True brethren are all those who do the will of God (Luke 8:21), and who hold the testimony of Jesus (Rev. 19:10). Therefore, as Jesus charged Peter, let us remember to "strengthen the brethren". (Luke 22:32). And too, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching." (I Tim. 5:1).

—G. Loken.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Let us forget the things that vexed
and tried us,

The worrying things that caused
our souls to fret,
The hopes that, cherished long, were
still denied us,
Let us forget.

Let us forget the little slights that
pained us,
The greater wrongs that rankle
sometimes yet;
The pride with which some lofty one
disdained us,
Let us forget.

Let us forget our brother's fault and
failing,
The yielding to temptation that be-
set,
That he, perchance, though grief be
unavailing,
Cannot forget.

But blessings manifold, and past de-
serving,
Kind words and helpful deeds, a
countless throng;
The fault o'ercome, the rectitude un-
swerving,
Let us remember long.

The sacrifice of love, the generous
giving,
When friends were few, the hand-
clasp warm and strong,
The fragrance of each life of holy
living,
Let us remember long.

Whatever things were good and true
and gracious,
Whate'er of right has triumphed
over wrong,
What love of God or man has ren-
dered precious,
Let us remember long.

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Saskatchewan

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Joh. 10:11.

Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

Den Gode Hyrde setter sit
liv til for faarene.
Joh. 10:11.

Wadena, Sask., Andet No. i January, 1947.

Er du i tjeneste?

Septuagesima—Matt. 20: 1-16

Ute paa mennskeheters store torv gaar Gud omkring og kaller oss menesker: Vil du gaa i min tjeneste? Spørsmålet stilles stilferdig i sinnet—til lærd og ulærd, rik og fattig, ung og gammel, uten forskjell. Saa kommer det ogsaa til deg, kjære leser idag: Er du i Jesu Kristi tjeneste?

Vil du kaste alle hensyn tilside—vil du bryte alle hindringer, vil du snu ryggen til det gamle vesen, vil du staa stille i vrirten for Gud, i det travle liv paa verdens torv, og svare ham: “Jeg er uverdig, Herre, til at du skulle kalle meg, men naar din naade og miskunnhet tross alt enno rekke saa langt som til meg, saa ta meg som jeg er.” Vi du? Overgi deg no. Det kunne bli for sent siden. Følg Guds kall idag. Han vil ha deg i dag i sin tjeneste. Gud er hos deg idag. Han har bruk for deg idag.

Det er arbeidere han søker. Ikke svermende, drømmende, stortalende lediggjengere. I Guds store vingaard, trengs flittige arbeidere av alle slag: Forkynnere—prester og lægmenn, lærere i vaare skoler, diakonisser og sykepleisker, arbeidere ute paa misjonsmarkene, kristne statsmenn og politikere, kristne arbeidere i fabrikkene, kristne jordbrukere. Og alle evner og individuelle eiendommeligheter er der bruk for. Den kunnskapsrike tenker, taleren, skribenten, sangeren, musikeren, geniet, hverdagsmennesket, Gud vil bruke oss allesammen. Den milde og den myke, den skarpe og den myndige, den illfulle, tendende, og den rolige, overbevisende. Allesammen.

Hver paa sin plass. Hvor er din plass i Guds vingaard? Ja, du har vel en plass? Hører du kanskje til dagdriverne som slentrer om fra det ene til det annet, en opfatning idag, en ny morgen, alltid paa jakt etter en ny lære og en ny sekt som skal være bedre enn den gamle prøvede tro? Og ingensteds finner du deg tilrette?

Finn din plass—i forkynnelsen og vitnesbyrdet, ved sykesengen, i søndagsskolen, i ungdomsarbeidet, i kvinneforeningen, i misjonsarbeidet, i hjemmet, i barneopdragelsen, eller hvor det passer. Men husk alltid at du staar i Guds tjeneste, at du arbeider i hans hage, og at din gjerning er bare en liten del av det store hele, ikke noe for seg selv.

Og arbeid med troskap. Selv om det stundom faller tungt. Selv naar det blir smaatt om paaskjønnelse, og det mangler paa heder blant menesker. Ja, selv om det faller i en annens, lodd aa bære fruktene av ditt arbeid i hus. Husbondens øyne akter paa deg. “Arbeid som for Guds aasyn hver tid og stund.” Saalenge det er dag. Mens kreftene, høvet og levedagene er dine. Bruk evner og midler og tid. Kvellen kommer ofte uten varsel. Ve deg da om den finner deg utenfor vingaarden. Og ve deg om den finner deg som en utro arbeider. Ve deg, dersom du ved kveldstid fines lik en som har arbeidet for menneskegunst, for beundring, ros og heder.

Ve deg, om du ved kveldstid skulle finnes som den som har optatt en plass i Guds vingaard med arbeid for deg selv. Men salig er du, dersom du ved kveldstid er en som trofast og villig har tjent din Herre med de store eller med de smaa evner du hadde, enten du stod paa en ringe plass i livet eller paa en mere fram-tredende. Salig er du, hvis du søkte din Herres ære i din gjerning.

Salig er du som ved livskveldens slutt hilses med din Herres ord: “Vel,

HVORLEDES JEG BLEV OMVENDT

Hr. Redaktør: Dette har jeg mot-tat fra Norge. Det er skrevet av Anna Framgard.

For jeg blev omvendt trodde jeg at for en kristen blev livet surt. Det kunde passe for eldre folk. Ungdommen maatte morre sig. Nu har jeg faat et andet syn. Jeg har no erfaret at livet i Gud er det eneste som kan bringe sjelen fred og glede. Jeg blev sterkt vakt for et og et halvt aar siden. Det gik da en vekkelse over min hjembygd og mange overgav sig til Jesus. Men jeg stridde imot. Paa alle møter gik jeg of var intresseret. Men om det var et andet letsingidg møte, deltog jeg gjerne der ogsaa. Jeg hadde ikke lyst til at gi op nogen av delene. I Bibelen leste jeg meget og bad lange bønnner men bare for mig selv—ingen maatte forstaa det. Jeg vandret saaledes paa to veier. Det er den verste stilling jeg har havt. Ofte kom for mig disse ord: “Gid du enten varm eller kald.” Jeg graat mig isøvn mangen en nat—kjempet og stred. Hvad var egentlig iveren dengang forstod jeg ikke.

Jo frelseren var ute og søkte etter det tapte faar. En nat blev det serlig rart for mig. Jeg vaaknet av en dem-pet fin musik som hørtes over min seng. En mild røst som sang disse ord: “De venter paa dig i den himmelske stad.” Da blev jeg nesten fortvilet og trodde at det var et varsel om at jeg snart skulde dø. Alligevel blev det ingen forandring. Sjelefienden frydet sig nok over hver dag han fik beholde mig. Det øket paa med ver-sligheten igjen og snart blev det verre end før.

Naar jeg var blandt vennerne maatte jeg vise mig den muntreste og ikke la tankerne slippe ind paa mig. Ingen kunde se jeg gikk med et saart hjerte og en daarlig samvittig-het. Om dagen, i hjemmet, var jeg sur og gretten, og saa alt fra den mørkeste side. Og naar jeg i den stille nat-tetime var i ensomhet var det graat, tomhet og angst tilbake. Slik gik det en tid saa reiste jeg ut av hjembygden. De fremmede forhold og ute blandt fremmede bragte mere stilhet og min samvittighet blev mig mere vaaken slig at jeg saa mig selv en fortapt synder. Men det sidste skridt kunde ikke ta helt ut.

Saa hendte det en dag at jeg blev plutselig syk. Jeg var langt fra hjem-met og blandt fremmede. Jeg hadde høi feber og laa i en døs de første dagene. Etter denne sykdom tenkte jeg: Aa hvor vanskelig det er utsette med sin omvendelse til man blir syk! Jeg blev da heldigvis efterhvert bedre og jeg bad da inderlig til Gud at han maatte gjøre mig helt frisk igjen. Hadde forut bestemt mig til at gaa i sykepleien og hadde tat den bestemmelse at jeg vilde omvende mig, men jeg forsøkte at utsette saa lenge jeg kunde. Dagen kom at jeg skulde reise for sykepleien. Før jeg kunde ha mot til at dra avsted maatte jeg paa kne til Gud i bøn. Saa bad jeg om at faa troende venner at vere sammen med som muligens kunde hjelpe mig til at bli frelst.

Saa hørte jeg en stille røst som sa: “Kan du ikke bestemme dig nu? Frelsen er fri. Jesus har sonet alle dine synder paa korset. Ingen anden

du gode og tro tjener, gaa inn til din Herres glede!”

Kjære Herre Gud! Takk for at du verdiger oss saa stor en naade at du setter oss, dine skrøpelige tjenere til aa gjøre din gjerning i verden! Gjør du oss selv skikket dertil og utholden-het deri! Staa oss bi med din egen kraft og hjelp!

H. Arnholt Strand.

PAA OMVENDELSENS VEI

Verden lokket med all sin glans Den bød meg moro, spil og dans Jeg svarte “Ja,” og tok imot Jeg trodde livet var aa finne; jeg trodde lykken var aa vinne, hvis min frelser jeg forlot.

Jeg festet, danset og moret meg, men fred og glede fandt jeg ei, Du spør meg kanskje hva jeg fant, En nagende samvittighet urolig sinn og bitterhet Med venner kom jeg snart paa kant.

Satans baand ble meg for sterk mitt sinn ble grepet av hans verk jeg maktet ikke det jeg ville. “Om jeg bare en kristen var!” “Nei, glem naa det! Du blir snart rar!” Alt var taaket, tungt og ille.

Jeg fikk et misfornoyet sinn det var det at Guds haand grep inn og vekk fra alt han ledet meg Fra venner, heim og mitt arbeide—han tok meg bort fra alt jeg eide, og drog meg stille inn til seg.

Blant Norges vakre fjell og daler han lot meg føle syndens kvaler Han trakk meg bort i ensomhet og hvasket sakte, “Kom til meg.” Mit hjerte svarte, “Nei, aa nei.” Men da forsvant Guds minskunhet.

Jeg syntes Herrens Aand forlot mig Jeg trodde Gud var naa imot meg Jeg hadde krenket Herrens bud En tykk, mørk taake kan jeg minnes hvor intet lys i sjelen finnes “Jeg er fortapt! Aa frels meg, Gud!”

Det var Guds Aand som virket bøn-nen

Det var Guds naade gjennom Sønnen som frelste meg fra syndens makt Alene gikk jeg ned paa kne og Herren skjenket meg sin fred Et lys opprant! “Det er fullbrakt!”

Min Gud, jeg er en synder stor Den gamle Adam i meg bor Aa, lær meg, Gud, din vei aa vandre og led meg med din sterke haand Ophold meg med en villig aand og la meg vidne naa for andre.

—Inga Kjos, Cadogan, Alberta.

Forstandig Taushed er ofte mere veltalende end Ordenes Mængde.

Det er med Bibelen som med Naturens Bog, at noget kan alle fatte, noget trænger Granskning og Efter-tanke og noget kan ingen udgrunde.

Hvad du har begyndt, det fuldføre du med Troskab og Flid, som med Glæde.

hjelp trengs. Jeg blev liggende en stund at storgaate indtil det stilte “jeg” kunde bøje sig. Og saa sa jeg: “Ja, kjere Jesus, du faar ta mig som jeg er fra denne stund vil jeg høre dig til. Tilgiv at jeg har syndet imot dig. Mere behøvde jeg ikke at gjøre. Ja, tenk det var det hele—og slik som jeg haade strevet. Nei, for mig var det bare at ta imot det som Jesus har gjort. Det var alt ferdigt og fuld-bragt. Lykkelig og glad gik jeg ind i sykepleien, fik mange troende ven-ner og har erfaret det som staar i sangen: Eg venner faar som aldrig før, for no er Jesus min.” Det er merkelig hvor en kan vere forblindet likeoverfor sit eget bedste.

Han staar for døren nu og banker O dyre sjel gi agt derpaa Fornegt ham ei i dine tanker og lat ham dog ei ute staa. Jeg siger i mit stille sinn Du Guds velsignede, kom ind. Indsendt til Hyrden, Av G.

I Brennpunktet

But blessings manifold, and past de-Din Hverdagskristendom

De fleste menesker ser med noen-lunde velvilje paa kristendommen. Den kan være god aa ha til søndags-bruk, eller naar det gaar paa tverke i livet—naar noen dør i familien. Den kan kaste glans over tilstillinger og til og med røre noen til taarer. Men om kristendommen som enkræft i hverdagslivet har de bare taakete forestillinger. Til og med kristne glir sommetider inn i den opfatning at kristendom er møte og feststemning, og at en oppløftet stemning, og gode kjensler er sikkert tegn paa kristen-dom. Men evangeliet er en Guds kraft til frelse ogsaa i hverdagslivet. Det er Guds kraft med i alt—i hvile og i arbeid, i sorg og glede, i medgang og motgang. Derfor vil hver den som tror evangeliet om frelse i Kristus, ogsaa be om at hans liv vil bli fylt med kraft til aa leve sitt hverdagsliv rett.

Saa kan vi da si at hverdagskristen-dom er kraft for hver dag i vaart liv. Og det skal merkes i vaar handel ogandel i vi daglig lever i evangeliets kraft. Vi skal arbeide og streve etter aa bli bedre kristne. Vi skal ikke bare la være aa gjøre det onde, men **vi skal gjøre det gode**. Og før vi lærer det, blir det smaatt med framgangen i hverdagskristendommen vaar, d.v.s. helliggjørelsen.

Og her maa vi røre ved et mørkt punkt i mange kristenliv: mangelen paa kjærlighet. Vi trenger aa legge oss paa hjerte apostelens ord: “I el-skede, har Gud elsket oss saa, da er vi skyldige til aa elske hverandre.” 1 Johs. 4:11. Og det er umulig aa komme forbi dette ordet: “Den som ikke elsker, kjenner ikke Gud, for Gud er kjærlighet.” 1 Johs. 4:8. Hverdagskristendom er ekte, helstøpt kristendom, baaret inn i vaart dag-lige liv som en kraft fra Gud, en kraft som gjennomsyrrer og gjennomtreng-er alt. Det er det eneste vi kan kalle kristendom. I hverdagslivet skal vaar prøve staa. Gud vil ikke spørre oss paa oppgjørets dag hvor lystelig vi skrek halleluja, men han vil kreve oss til regnskap for hvordan vi brukte den kraft han ga oss i evangeliet i vaart daglige liv.

Paa det jevne, paa det jevne, Ikke i det himmelblaa, Der har livet satt deg stevne, Der skal du din prøve staa.

—H. A. S.

HØSTLAND FEIRER DIAMANT BRYLLUP

Mr. og Mrs. Matteus Høstland feir-et 60 aars bryllup december 28de. Til-stede var slegtninger og venner. Blandt dem som talte ved festligheten var Pastor A. M. Vinge fra Camrose, samt Arnold Hoveland fra Camrose, og stedets prest, G. J. Ostrem. Digt og lesning var presenteret ved A. Fin-seth, og Alf. Anderson og Mrs. O. Kirkelund. Der var ogsaa telegram-mer og brev hilsen. En penge-sum var givet i anledningen.

Matteus Høstland fød i Flatanger, or Anna Høstland fød i Stenkjer, var gift i Flatanger Norge; Kom til Amerika 1902. Levde en tid i New York, i Michigan, og i Wisconsin. Kom til Alberta 1909, og til Ryley 1924.

Høstlands hadde fire barn; men bare en son lever, nemlig Anton nu i Okotoks, Alta. Han og hele familien var tilstede ved anledningen.

Der er to Ting som jeg ikke kan fare efter med nok Alvor, nemlig Kristi Ære i Sjaeles Frelse og min personlige Helliggjørelse.

—M. Cheyne

HEAVEN

The world of science has brought men far.
They fly into the blue beyond the human eye,
They sail into the depths of cool green seas.
Some men there are, defying space and science, go heavenward,
Upon their knees.
Men ask how high is heaven, I do not know.
But some there are who soar there far above all ebb and flow
Of human life, and cannot tell just what is there.
Words are such empty tinkling symbols,

Such thoughts, thoughts to share.
Just simply gaze into the deep blue of azure skies
Some summer's day, and let your thoughts arise.
Up, up, and ever up, into that blessed land of perfect day,
Then you'll not wonder at the rapt attention of men's faces,
When they pray.
In that great Book, the Lord has given us the way
To reach that blessed land of blissful peace and flawless day.
And yet of all its wondrous glory He could not say
Because words could never understand, we only know its glories,
When we pray.
—Palmer Olson, Holland, 1945.

THE FUTURE OF S.L.B.I.
(written by request)

Since 1939 there has been a Bible school at Outlook operating in borrowed quarters. It was in 1943 that a high school department was added. The Lord has prospered both aspects of the work. Off the main 'drag', on wind-swept prairie, in a desert place on the outskirts of a small town, God has been permitted to speak to many.

Immediate future is colored with tax exemption on a permanent basis, the hope of soon getting an airport building from Davidson to a completed foundation at S.L.B.I., the re-organization and improvement of present facilities for more efficient service to both students and workers, and an expansion program which will provide greater facilities enabling us to turn out more workers for the kingdom.

We are often told in effect that "it must be difficult to plan on the basis of uncertain income." Yet the steady supplying of our needs is a miracle that inspires us to praise God. As long as we have a host of prayer supporters, and we who work here aim to glorify God and not man, the future is as certain as the promises of God.

Are you concerned about spiritual death and godlessness in our land—even in your congregation? Then be a steward in partnership with God, promote the future of our school—a school dedicated to the proposition that **only one thing is needful**. The future of a growing school is dependent upon more Christians praying more, and more Christians giving more. Whatever the cost, our church must have more workers NOW!

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects." James 5:16.
—G. Loken

THE IMPORTANT POINT

A layman visited a great city church during a business trip. After the service he congratulated the minister on his service and sermon. "But," said the manufacturer, "if you were my salesman, I'd discharge you. You got my attention by your appearance, voice and manner; your prayer, readings and logical discourse aroused my interest; you warmed my heart with a desire for what you preached; and then—and then you stopped without asking me to do something about it. In business the important thing is to get them to sign on the dotted line."

Ah, preachers too often fail just here. They must press for decision for Christ. In the words of Joshua they

DEVOTIONAL

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them."—II Tim. 3:14.

January 1st, 1947, introduced another New Year. New Year resolutions were the order of the day. The drunkard no doubt renewed his pledge to stop drinking; the gossip again vowed to stop gossiping; the indifferent church-goer again resolved to remedy the fault. Literally thousands throughout Christendom approached the New Year Day with some plan for or dream of a bigger and better year in 1947.

What of the Christians? What resolutions did we make? To stop this or that, we know, does not really make any difference unless the change of heart through being born again in Christ. Resolutions formulated without Christ are destined to fail—next year they will have to be made over again. Even if we should succeed in shearing away a few undesirable habits, we as Christians will see the immensity of the task and realize that, except for Christ's share in the remaking of our lives, our resolutions too could just as well remain unsaid. Of this we can be sure—we need not every time a new year rolls around start over from scratch again in our relationship with God. Paul in the scripture passage above advises Timothy to 'continue' in the things that he had learned. Therein lies security, growth, and progress in Christian Life.

Can we not as Christians resolve then to really 'continue' in God's service so that on January 1st, 1948, we can look back on this year and truthfully say—"I have not only striven in God's vineyard this year, but, I have advanced in my relationship to God too." Let us then as consecrated Luther Leaguers continue in 1947!—L. S. O.

FAITH IN ACTION

On Sunday evening, November 24, the S.L.B.I. Luther League in co-operation with the Young People's Luther League of Bethlehem church of Outlook, gave a special program in support of the "Faith in Action" project of the District Luther League.

Miss Aileen Heltand presented the work of the Parish Workers and Mr. G. Loken spoke on the evangelistic program. The offering at the service came to \$207.75. Since an objective of \$200.00 had been set for the service, it was a joy indeed to have the objective realized.

It is our prayer that every league in the district will make a consecrated effort to back up the "Faith in Action" program. The present balance in our treasury is \$537.42. So the contribution from Outlook was very welcome. We pay \$70.00 a month in parish workers salary now. If a new worker is placed shortly, as we expect, our monthly bill will be \$105.00 or \$1,200.00 a year.

Young people, we need your prayers—we need your support!
—M. S. J.

Editor's note: Now if the rest of you Locals will just follow Outlook's example and turn in a report of your "Faith in Action" program we'll get some more good news for our readers for next month. There are approximately 89 Locals to hear from yet so you can see that we've just started. (Watch the reports pour in!)

Zion Luther League (Saskatoon) reports a Faith in Action offering of over \$80.00.

must say to their hearers, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15). James Duff.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

LUTHER S. OLSON, Editor, Camrose, Alberta

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BY MAIL

"Word of the ever-living God,
Will of His glorious Son;
Without Thee how could earth be trod,
Or heaven itself be won?"

As Luther Leaguers we realize the necessity of the Word of God in our lives, and at the same time we should be looking for new opportunities to do mission work in our own communities. Under the Every-Member Plan every Luther League should have a Missionary Committee. Even those Leagues that are not so organized will be vitally concerned that they can be a missionary influence in the community.

There are great numbers of children in Canada who cannot attend Sunday School regularly. This is tragic. Many Luther Leaguers and older folks, too, do not have the opportunity of attending Bible Class regularly. Would not your Leaguers like to have a part in introducing and promoting the Sunday School By Mail to many new homes in our Canada District? These courses are available without fees to all who want them.

Write for information and sample lessons to "The Sunday School By Mail," Outlook, Sask.

(Condensed from letter sent to all Leagues last September by O. K. Storaasli and G. Loken).—Ed.

Norrana Y.P.L.L. Back Again
Bulyea, Sask.

I was just reading the Shepherd and I thought perhaps you could put in an article about our Luther League re-organizing here.

We had our first meeting today and had a real turn-out, (about 50). We have a membership of 24 now and we are going to have our meetings every three weeks.

Our organization meeting was held here at our home October 6, and the following officers were elected: president, Martin Fagseth; vice-pres., Anton Nordal; sec.-treas., Oscar Thompson; program committee, Mrs. O. Thompson, Miss R. Nordal and John Thompson; social committee, Perry Thompson, and Miss Selma Johnson; Librarian, Miss Millie Thompson; organist, Mrs. O. Thompson.

We also organized a choir today. Our hope and prayer is that we will be able to continue to grow spiritually and also in membership. There are quite a few young people here and they seem to be interested in Luther League work.

God's blessing to you all!
Sincerely yours,
Mrs. O. Thompson.

Circuit Convention and
Workers' Conference

Pastor Arnold Anderson, Dunbar Lutheran Church, Vancouver, B.C., was guest speaker at the Luther League Convention at Claresholm, October 6, 7, and 8th. This convention began Sunday evening with Calgary Leaguers presenting a P. T. L. program, "Christ Wants You to Read God's Word".

Pastor Anderson began his series of addresses, "Christ Wants You—To Be Saved, — To Seek Him in Prayer, — To Work For Him, — To be With Him in Heaven." Pastor Anderson's messages were gripping as the Spirit worked on the hearts.

League topics were presented by Sylvia Stegen, Calgary; Mrs. Evelyn Fjordbotten, Granum; and Merliene Howg, Enchant.

Convention attendance was not large because of delayed harvest and attendance at school.

The Worker's Conference was held the last day of the convention. Pastor M. Odland, Swift Current, Sask.,

P. T. L. — Winnipeg

On the evening of December 8 the Luther Leaguers of the First Norwegian Lutheran Church of Winnipeg gathered in the church parlors for a Pocket Testament League Banquet. The program opened with a welcome by the P.T.L. secretary and responded to by the Y.P.L.L. president, Marie Stenberg. This was followed by a singspiration conducted by John Bergsagel. Devotions led by Marjorie Rice took the form of sharing Scripture passages and sentence prayers. Mr. and Mrs. Lynden Salte brought us a message in song. Inspiring messages were given by Bob Sandberg who spoke on "The Story of Our P. T. L." and by Mrs. L. Salte who spoke on the topic "You Need God's Word".

A challenge to join our Bible Reading Family was put forth to the Leaguers by the P.T.L. secretary during an impressive candle lighting service. Several joined. Rev. K. Bergsagel, local pastor, brought the program to a close with a greeting and prayer.

—Leona Erlandson, P.T.L. sec.

Bethlehem YPLI, Camrose Circuit

We have passed the busiest time of the year, harvest, and if we are active, consecrated Luther Leaguers we should have our thoughts on the Lord of the harvest and how we as His servants can help bring in the lost in the greatest of all harvests. It seems that we as Luther Leaguers could do so much if we would just put our faith into action!

Is it enough just to attend our conventions and meetings and then perhaps like Peter, who contrary to his boastings, went out only to deny his Lord? Is this our testimony of faith in Him? We can witness for Christ to the world by living 'His Truth' daily. Gain respect for 'His Word' by humbly practising its teachings. Attend church regularly and assist in any way possible to make the ministry reach, not only the church doors but also the community surrounding the church. Let that spire which points heavenward be more than a symbol of the teachings within. Show by your concern and love that there is a power at work also in your own life.

In putting our faith into action let us not become so zealous in works that we forget the need of our continual contact with God by daily feasting on His Word and by unceasing prayer. Keep your own life pure, a fit temple for the indwelling Spirit of Christ. Set your aim in life on the ever ascending mirage of a "Christ filled eternity"—then in faith set out to reach that goal. In faith you will see the reward which will become a glorious reality when you reach the other side to receive the blessing of, "Well done thou good and faithful servant—enter into the joy of thy Lord!"

—Nelson Thronson (article solicited for November issue).

THREE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS

1. All men need to be saved—Isaiah 53:6.
2. God has provided salvation for all—I Timothy 2:4.
3. God offers salvation to all—John 6:37.

filled in for Pastor Thompson, when he was unable to come. The new theme for L.L. work next year was introduced at the banquet and used for the evening program—"You Need Jesus Christ."

Officers elected for 1947 were: Pres., Pastor G. Morstad, Calgary; vice-pres., Merliene Howg, Enchant; rec. sec., Harriet Heather; cor. sec., Orlan Berg; treas., Edith Nerland, Calgary; PTL sec., Mrs. Carl Olson.